

WARMAN, MARTENSVILLE, RCMP ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY JUNE 11, 2014
MINUTES

PRESENT: Mayor Kent Muench, Councillor Bob Blackwell, City Manager Scott Blevins, Mayor Sheryl Spence, Councillor Trevor Peterson, Staff Sergeant Kevin Weber, Sergeant Mark Ochitwa, Sergeant Warren Gherasim (3:50 pm)

REGRETS: City Manager Stanley Westby

LOCATION: Meeting Room, Martensville City Hall

RECORDING SECRETARY: City Clerk Carla Budnick

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Muench called the meeting to order at 3:05 P.M.

Amalgamation

Staff Sergeant Weber spoke on the pros and cons, if the two cities amalgamated the detachments. There would be a group of 15 members working between the two cities which would not be able to provide 24 hour coverage. Additional costs to consider without 24 hour coverage is minimum call outs for overtime as well as members being paid for being on call. In order for there to be 24 hour coverage there would need to be a minimum of 20 members. It is important to note that if any of those members go on leave or need to be away the position is not filled. A Staff Sergeant would be responsible for the detachments with 2 Corporals and the remainder would be constables. Having two separate detachments as opposed to a joint facility will pose some issues as the Staff Sergeant will be based out of one of the offices, it will be difficult for Administration and most items will only be housed at one location. The RCMP would like to see the Cities commit to a long term agreement if this is the route they take as there are many things that need to be considered for the RCMP Organization. Both Cities expressed concern as it is hard to commit when there are still so many unknowns. There are still many things for both communities to think about and discuss.

Police Presence/Priorities

Staff Sergeant Weber highlighted areas of priority for the detachment this year.

1. Community Involvement – visibility
2. Impaired Drivers Initiative – SGI offers funding to assist with this.
3. Check Stops – speeding, stop signs, cell phones, etc.
4. License premise – visiting of bars and other facilities
5. School Site visits.

Resident Concerns/Police Bike

Some concern regarding the police bike that always seems to be present on Centennial Drive in Martensville. Why are the officers not patrolling school zones and other areas of the city?

Staff Sergeant Weber encouraged both cities to keep him informed of all positive and negative feedback so they can improve where improvement is needed and continue with things that seem to be working.

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Bylaws

Some discussion was had regarding RCMP enforcing bylaws and the procedures.

Round Table

Staff Sergeant Weber will make arrangements to come speak with each City Council separately to further discuss the possible amalgamation.

Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held in Warman on Wednesday September 17th at 3:00 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 4:28 P.M.